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Is There Another Big Educational Institution in Sight for Richmond?

TROUBLES OF THE REAL ESTATE AG'TS

They Are the Best and Promptest Customers the Tax Collectors Have to Deal With, Paying State and City Vast Sums of Good Money.

As a general rule real estate agents are opposed, religiously or otherwise to making sales the last week in a prosperous year, or any other year, as for that matter, It is quite likely that for that matter, It is quite likely that if a capitalist or investor should approach any real estate agent in Richmond and come with a big roll of money or a certified check and a proposition to buy, said investor would be highly entertained, but all the same the last week in the year is usually an off one with the agents so far as sales are concerned.

There were no sales made last week that are worthy of mention, but the agencies have not been having any holiday season, not by a great deal. The fact is that the last week of a dying year is generally a very busy one with the Richmond real estate agents.

Tax-Paying Business.

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They have enough business to keep them in their shirt sleeves in the day, and in something of a night-mareish condition after the sun goes down, considering and arranging for their elongated tax lists.

It is estimated that the real estate agents of Hiehmond hand to the collectors of the city and State taxes not less than one-third of all the real estate taxation that is paid in by owners of Richmond realty. That is a part of their business, and sometimes it proves to be a very annoying part of it. Every agent has the handling of certain properties, and a part of their business is to look after all the charges on such property, such as taxes, insurance, repairs, etc. This is the custom in every city in the united states, but it is quite likely that Richmond is the only city in the whole country in which the custom is for the agent to pay the taxes on the property of his cilents and then await the convenience of the rental or other income of the property for reimbursement, and yet get no commission for this work or for his waiting. The agents in a majority of cases pay the taxes of their cilents, and in many instances they have to wait thirty, sixty or ninety days, or even four months, for reimbursement, and there are no commissions and no interest accretions to relieve the tortures of the nightmare above mentioned.

How and When Paid.

The State taxes and county taxes

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However, it is known that Dr. Can.

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tity. Emporia has not felt it.

It may be added that the town has stitute, one of the best preparatory increased in population during the schools in the State, and that he is a year; and its mercantile business, both faithful servant of his the Methodist wholesale and retail, has been pushed to greater lengths than ever before, religious education strictly under while the weodworking establishments church control.

Other Known Frets.

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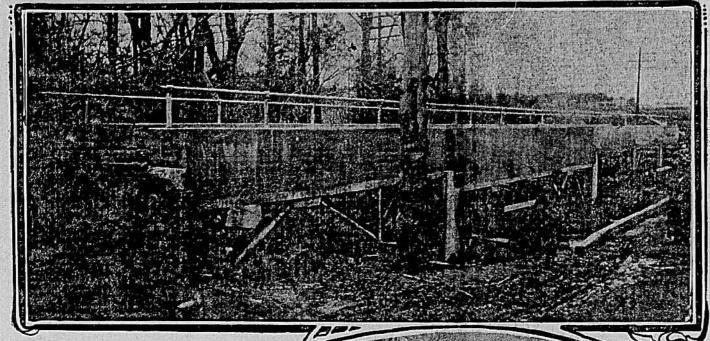
It is also known that Mr. Branch is the wealthiest Methodist in Virginia pernaps the wealthlest member of that church in the South. His liberality to his church and to its educational enterprises are well known throughout the South, especially in Virginia.

Putting this and that together, and remembering that Dr. Cannon is not a real estate speculator, but a minister of the Gospel and an educator, it is not hard to guess that the transfer of this valuable West End property looks very much as if Richmond is at an early date to be the seat of another religious educational institution of large and commanding proportions, Will it be a college for women on the arder of the Woman's College at Lynchburg, which poses as one of the links in the Randolph-Macon chain, but is not assolutely under control of the Methodist Church; or what will it be?

The question has the Methodist people of Richmond, as well as the real (Coutinued on Fifth Fage.)

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VIEWS OF CONCRETE BRIDGE ACROSS THE CHICKAHOMINY



EMPORIA'S GROWTH DURING THE YEAR

Many Public Improvements Com-

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
[GALAX, VA. December 28,—Galax is some to have water works installed the little town continues to grow, in terminals, upite of some serious reverses that it in the little town to have the l



warehouses, etc. Since the financial disturbances began some of these betterments have been brought to a standstill, while other necessary work under way is being completed, but the attitude of the companies generally is to await further developments as to legislative and financial matters before resuming work that has been discontinued or undertaking any new contraction.

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Are Encouraging and Show Great Progress in the Live Towns.

Reports From All Points in Old Dominion

ENJOYS PROSPERITY

SOLID OLD VIRGINIA

NO BANK FAILURES AND BUT FEW OF ANY KIND

From Bristol to Norfolk, From Mountains to Sea, From Potomac to Dan and All Through the Valley the People Are Closing a Prosperous Year.

Notwithstanding so-called panics and frequent rumors of tightness in some of the money markets of the country, the Old Dominion and its many active and wideawake cities and towns made splendid business records in the good year 1907. The reports below that have been made to The Times-Dispatch from all parts of the State show that farming and industrial Virginia has had a prosperous year, and those of her good people who attended strictly to business—and it seems that a vast majority of them have done that thing—find themselves at the close of the good year ahead of the game.

To drop into the florid oratory of a once famous stump speaker and politician, it can be truly said that from where the everlasting seawaves beat their perpetual refrain upon the white-sanded shores of Accomac, westward to where the Alpine peaks of the grand old Alleghanies look down into the chambers of the setting sun; from where the placid Potomac kisses the busy wharves of Alexandria to where the tobacco wagons rumble through the streets of Danville; along the banks of the Appomattox from Farmville, to Petersburg and City Point; from Bristol, through the rockribbed mountains, and down the Southside, on through the peanut and cotton fields and cypress forests, to Norfolk, all the people have been strictly business, and are now busy footing up the profits and the blessings of a year that has been in all respects prosperous. Old Virginia has done well; her people have worked; God has blessed them, and no wonder these people have not been burt by the rich man's panic in Wall Street. A few more years like the last two or three will make them entirely independent of New York and Wall Street. The conditions to-day are such as to make them largely so, for all of the towns of the State, like Richmond, have more than held their own, and none of them have been jostied to any great extent by the financial troubles in the North.

Norfolk, Petersburg, Danville, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Newport News, Staunton, Alexandria, Radford, Farmville, Blackstone, Su

HAS SEVERAL YEARS' WORK

Big Newport News Plant Has \$14,000,000 Under Contract. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BUILT OF CONCRETE

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One Across the Chickahominy on the Telegraph Road Largest in the State.

HANOVER C. H., VA., December 28.
—A reinforced concrete highway bridge of five spans, and having a bridge of five spans and having a bridge of five spans and having a bridge of five spans makes and local people had to read the manks, and local people had to read the newspapers to learn that a panic was on.

No new industries have located here during the year, but several smaller manufacturing companies have spent considerable money in improving their the vice of the spans measure 22 feet 4 inches in length; one 27 feet, and the main one, the channel span, is 40 feet from the channel span the chicken the channe

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Record for 1907 Was by Far the Best the Cockade City Has Yet Achieved.

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PETERSBURG, VA., December The opening of a new bank, the Peo-